

Welcome to the Legislative Update for December 20, 2009

Fifth Special Session Issue

This e-mail is provided as a courtesy of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging. The purpose of this service is to keep Arizona's seniors and advocates for aging services informed about bills and actions taking place at the Arizona State Legislature and to highlight Congressional bills or happenings affecting older Americans. This information is intended to help you shape your own opinion about an issue and to give you the necessary resources and contacts so that you can ensure your perspective and voice are heard. *The Legislative Update is non-partisan in nature.* Thank you for your interest!

Fifth Special Session:

Last week, Governor Brewer called a *Fifth Special Session* of the 49th Legislature for Thursday, December 17, 2009. To review the Governor's proclamation outlining the subjects to be considered at the Special Session, go to:

http://azgovernor.gov/dms/upload/PR_121509_SpecialSessionCalFor121709.pdf

A copy of the statement provided by the Governor prior to the opening of the Fifth Special Session is found at:

http://www.azgovernor.gov/dms/upload/PR_121609_StatementByGovernorBrewer.pdf

Three bills were posted during the special session that adjourned on Saturday, December 19th.

H2001: 2009-2010; GENERAL APPROPRIATION REDUCTIONS; TRANSFERS

H2002: UNCLAIMED PROPERTY; TRAVELER'S CHECKS

S1001: 2009-2010; GENERAL APPROPRIATION REDUCTIONS; TRANSFERS

Yesterday, **S1001** was substituted in the House for identical H2001 and **passed** by a vote of 32-22 and **now awaits the Governor's signature.**

S1001 bill summary sheet is provided at:

http://www.azleg.gov/FormatDocument.asp?inDoc=/legtext/49leg/5s/summary/s.1001approp_aspassed.doc.htm

The document details the fiscal impact of this legislation which is a combined \$194 million in savings and revenues to the state general fund.

A copy of the JLBC **5th Special Session Proposed Savings Senate Engrossed SB 1001** summary can be viewed at:

<http://www.azleg.gov/jlbc/5thspecialsessionproposedsavingsenateengrossed.pdf>

To see the three bills of this special session, click on the Council on Aging **5th Special Session List** provided here:

<http://www.azcapitolreports.com/webreport.cfm?webreport=24492&listid=40839&print=true>

The Governor has called a special meeting with cabinet officials for tomorrow, Monday, December 21st to discuss the unresolved budget deficit and the states fiscal crisis. More information can be found at:

http://www.azgovernor.gov/dms/upload/MA_121909_BrewerEmergencyCabinetMeeting.pdf

More 2010 Budget:

The *Monthly Fiscal Highlights Report* for November 2009 from JLBC indicates the October collections were (23.8) % below the prior year, and \$(142.4) million below the budget forecast. That report is provided at: <http://www.azleg.gov/jlbc/mfh-nov-09.pdf>

Looking Ahead:

The 49th Legislature, 2nd Regular Session is only 22 days away. You can view the Calendar Deadlines at:

<http://www.azleg.gov/alispdfs/council/49th%202nd%20Regular%20Calendar%20Deadlines.pdf>

If you have a particular perspective to share related to the Fifth Special Session legislation, 2010 budget or other matters, you can voice your thoughts by contacting the:

Governor's Office of Constituent Services at 602-542-4331 or toll-free at 800-253-0883

Or you may contact the legislator from your area. You can locate your legislator by going to the Arizona State Legislature website <http://www.azleg.gov/> and looking for: *How do I find My Legislators* or by following the instructions provided at both the Senate and House Member links at the website.

Note: The Legislative Update will be provided again following the start of the 49th Legislature 2nd Regular Session.

We wish you a happy and safe holiday season!

~Governor's Advisory Council on Aging